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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
ON MEETING WITH AMB BROWN AND VIET NAM

1. AMB BROWN AND I HAVE HAD A VERY GOOD, VERY HELPFUL
TALK. AS YOU KNOW, AMB BROWN WAS SENT TO LEBANON
FOUR

WEEKS AGO TAKING LEAVE FROM HIS POSITION AS PRESI-
DENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE AND LEFT WITHIN
SOMETHING LIKE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR NOTICE. AT THAT
TIME, THE SITUATION IN LEBANON WAS CHAOTIC, AND THE
DANGER OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION WAS VERY GREAT. IN
THE INTERVAL, PARTLY AS A RESULT OF HIS EXTRAORDIN-
ARY EFFORTS, WE CAN NOW TALK ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF
A RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN LEBA-

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NON. WE DISCUSSED SUCH THINGS AS THE CREATION OF A

SECURITY FORCE AND THE DANGER OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON ESCALATING INTO A MIDDLE EAST CRISIS HAS BEEN REDUCED. WE'VE REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT THAT IT REMAINS A DELICATE PROCESS AND THAT IT COULD EASILY BE UPSET BY IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS, ACTIONS OF OUTSIDE POWERS, AND THE US VIEW IS THAT ALL OF THE FACTIONS, ALL OF THE INTERESTED OUTSIDE POWERS SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE THAT HAS BROUGHT MATTERS TO THIS POINT. AMB BROWN IS GOING TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES TO REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT. HE WILL THEN RETURN TO LEBANON FOR A FEW DAYS AND THEN HE WILL HAVE COMPLETED HIS MISSION WITH GREAT DISTINCTION - AND AS A GREAT SERVICE TO PEACE IN THE

AREA - A GREAT SERVICE TO THE FOREIGN POLICY IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A) Q. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THE CREATION OF A SECURITY FORCE.

A. WELL, AS YOU KNOW, THE SECURITY FORCE IN THE COUNTRY - THE MILITARY FORCES, AND THE POLICE - DISINTEGRATED UNDER THE IMPACT OF THE CIVIL WAR, AND WHEN A NEW PRESIDENT IS ELECTED AND THE GOVERNMENT IS RECONSTITUTED, ONE OF THE OBVIOUS PROBLEMS IT WILL FACE IS HOW TO CREATE A FORCE THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT CAN INTERPOSE ITSELF BETWEEN THE VARIOUS FACTIONS. AND THERE ARE SOME IDEAS ON THIS SUBJECT THAT ARE NOW BEING EXPLORED AND WHICH AMBASSADOR BROWN HAS ALSO BEEN HELPFUL.

B) Q. WILL THERE BE LEBANESE FORCES OR OUTSIDE FORCES?

A. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT LEBANESE FORCES DRAWN PERHAPS UPON SOME OF THE FACTIONS OR SEPARATELY RECRUITED. WE DON'T WANT TO GO INTO ANY OF THE DETAILS, BUT WE ARE SPECIFICALLY TALKING ABOUT LEBANESE SECURITY FORCES TO DEAL WITH LEBANESE PROBLEMS.

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C) Q. WILL THERE BE INDIGENOUS PALESTINIANS IN THAT SECURITY FORCE?

A. THE COMPOSITION OF THE SECURITY FORCES IS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS THAT IS UNDER NEGOTIATION RIGHT NOW, AND I DON'T THINK IT IS FOR US TO SPECULATE AS TO THE ELEMENT BUT OBVIOUSLY A SECURITY FORCE TO BE EFFECTIVE MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OF THE PARTIES THERE, AND ALL OF THE PARTIES THAT FEEL

THREATENED.

D) Q. WHAT KIND OF TIME FRAME ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

A. WE. OF COURSE, DO NOT CONTROL THE TIME FRAME.
AGAIN I MUST STRESS THE SITUATION IS TENUOUS
AND DELICATE, AND IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THIS
POINT THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE OF ALL
OF THE PARTIES.ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THAT
CONTINUES , WE WOULD THINK THAT THE ELECTION
OF A NEW PRESIDENT COULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN A
TWO WEEK PERIOD, AND THAT THE BEGINNING OF A
RETURN TO MORE NORMAL PROCESSES SHOULD START
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT.

E) Q. HAS THE DANGER OF MASSIVE OUTSIDE INTERVENTION
BEEN REDUCED?

A. IT IS MY IMPRESSION FROM AMBASSADOR BROWN'S
REPORT THAT THE DANGER OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION
HAS BEEN REDUCED. BUT, OF COURSE, IF THE
SITUATION IN LEBANON SHOULD BLOW UP AGAIN,
THE DANGER COULD RETURN. BUT AS OF THIS
MOMENT WOULDN'T YOU SAY (DIRECTED TO AMBASSADOR
BROWN INAUDIBLE RESPONSE).

F) Q. ARE THE SYRIAN TROOPS STILL IN THERE?

A. I DON'T THINK THERE HAS BEEN ANY SIGNIFICANT
CHANGE IN TROOP DEPLOYMENTS SINCE I ANSWERED
QUESTIONS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

G) Q. WOULD THE U.S. PLAY ANY ROLE - PERHAPS AS A
GUARANTOR IN CASE SECURITY FORCES WERE TO BE
ESTABLISHED?

A. OUR BASIC POSITION HAS BEEN TO AVOID INTERVENTION
BY OUTSIDE POWERS OR TO GIVE OUTSIDE POWERS THE
RIGHT OF INTERVENTION, AND THEREFORE WE WOULD
BELIEVE THAT THE BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE ONE
IN WHICH THE LEBANESE FACTIONS AGREE AMONG THEM-

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SELVES AS TO THE CREATION OF THE SECURITY FORCE.

H) Q. WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR SYRIANSREMOVING THEIR
TROOPS FROM LEBANON?

A. WELL, THIS IS A QUESTION THAT WILL HAVE TO BE
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE LEBANESE AND THE SYRIANS,
BUT IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE THERE
AS PART OF THE IMMEDIATE SITUATION AND NOT AS
A PERMANENT FEATURE OF THE LEBANESE SCENE.

I) Q. WHAT IS THE US ROLE IN THE CREATION ON THE
SECURITY FORCE. IS AMBASSADOR BROWN TRYING
TO GET FACTIONS TO AGREE ON THE COMPOSITIONS
OR...

A. WELL, I THINK IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT AMBASSADOR
BROWN HAS BEEN ONE OF THE VERY FEW PEOPLE WHO
HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ALL OF THE FACTIONS,

AND I SAY VERY FEW, PROBABLY THE ONLY PERSON
IN LEBANON - AND THEREFORE HE HAS BEEN IN A
POSITION TO CARRY THE IDEAS OF THE VARIOUS

PARTIES TO THE OTHERS. MY JUDGEMENT IS THAT
HE'S PLAYED A VERY USEFUL, IN FACT, ALMOST
DECISIVE ROLE IN THIS DIPLOMATIC PROCESS.
AND WE WILL DO AS WE INDICATED WHEN WE SENT
AMBASSADOR BROWN - HE WILL BE READY TO DO WHAT
THE PARTIES ASK HIM TO DO AND TO HELP
THEM TO MOVE TOWARDS COMMON OBJECTIVES. AND
WHEN HE LEAVES, IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AMBASSADOR
MALLOY WILL REPLACE HIM TO PERFORM AGAIN
WHATEVERFUNCTIONS...

J) Q. AMBASSADOR BROWN -- JUST AS A MATTER OF CURIOSITY
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE?

A. IT'S GONE DOWN. (KISSINGER:YOU'RE CONTRADICTING
ME.

K) Q. AMBASSADOR BROWN, DID YOU HAVE ANY DIRECT OR
INDIRECTCONTACTS WITH THE THE PALESTINE
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IN YOUR NEGOTIATIONS?

A. I DID NOT.

L Q. CAN I ASK YOU ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE. IF YOU
WOULDPLEASE, IN INDIANAPOLISEARLY TODAY,
PRESIDENT FORD SAID THERE WAS NO PROSPECT THE
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US WILL EXTEND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO NORTH
VIETNAM. SOME REPORTERS OUT THERE SENSE A
CONTRADICTION IN WHAT YOU SAID IN THE PAST.
WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS, AND IS THERE ANY CON-
TRADICTION BETWEEN YOUR POSITION AND THE
PRESIDENT'S?

A. PRESIDENT FORD AND I MEET PRACICALY EVERY DAY
AND IT IS TRADITIONAL THATTHE FOREIGN POLICS
OF THE SECREARYOF STATE COINCIDES WITH THE
FOREIGN POLICYOF THE PRESIDENT - A TRADITION
WHICH IS NOT GOING TO BE INTERRUPTED THIS YEAR.
AS I UNDERSTAND THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT,
AND I HAVE TALKED TO GENERAL SNOWCROFT IN THE
INTERVAL, AND I BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT HAS
SPOKEN IN THIS SENSE TODAY AS WELL. IT WAS
HIS ASSESSMENTTHAT SINCE IT WAS THE PRESIDENT'S
ASSESSMENT THAT SINCE WE HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN A
SATISFACTORY ANSWER TO THE MISSING IN ACTION
THAT HE SAW NO PROSPECT OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS.
AND,THEREFORE, THE POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION
IS ASTHE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED IN HAWAII IN
DECEMBER AS WE'VE REPEATED SINCE, WE'RE PREPARED

TO TALK TO NORTH VIETNAM BUT THE ABSOLUTE PRE-
CONDITIONED WHO ARE CONSIDERING ANY OTHER MOVE
IS AN ACCOUNTING OF THE MISSING IN ACTION.

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